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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Chin Wen Wang

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**For:** Improved Supporting Structure for Planar  
Heat Pipe

**Group:** 3742

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This Reply is in responsive to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 18, 2004.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1- 4 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1- 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,427,174 (Lomolino, Sr. et al) in viewn of .S. Patent No. 6,382,309 (Kroliczek et al). The Examiner has rejected claims 3 - 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,427,174 (Lomolino, Sr. et al) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,382,309 (Kroliczek et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 6,167,948 (Thomas).